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Brecon Beacons

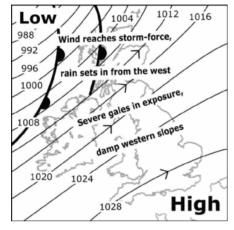




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Saturday, 13 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 13 December, 2025

Increasingly severe conditions Scottish Highlands: gusty storm-force winds on high terrain and becoming wet from the west. Gales in England and Wales, severe from Snowdonia towards Lakeland/north Pennines; drizzly rain on western slopes, patches drifting east. Driest south Pennines.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Increasingly windy, gales later; many north slopes clear

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, 20-25mph from dawn, strengthening through the day to 40-45mph by evening risk of stronger gusts at times.	
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly strenuous walking conditions on higher terrain, more arduous later in day and gusty with significant wind chill; maintaining balance will become challenging.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Patchy spots of rain or drizzle, most common high western areas, whilst substantially dry east of Pen-Y-Fan. A risk of more frequent rain later overnight.	
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops and southern slopes Cloud banks drifting over higher tops, most frequent on hills toward south and west bases sometimes down to 600-800m. Higher base further east and into mid-Wales, above tops for periods.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early sunshine north, high cloud gradually building through the day. Hazy west, visibility reduced in rain, but more often good toward mid-Wales.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C, fairly steady though may rise slightly late in the day and overnight. Wind chill feeling near to -8C later.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 14 December	Monday 15 December
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How windy? (On the summits)	A gusty southwesterly, sustained winds between 45-55mph, may strengthen further. Gusts to middle slopes.	Southwesterly 30-40mph from dawn, perhaps easing to 20mph or less though this uncertain.
Effect of wind on you?	Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including less exposed slopes. Significant wind chill.	Strenuous walking in the morning and perhaps all day; feeling chilly. May ease to small effects.
How wet?	Some fine drizzle and patchy rain	Rain most of the day
(Precipitation and its impact)	Some fine drizzle in fog on high terrain, many areas dry. At times falling as patchy rain in the west, an increasing risk through the day.	Often raining widely, most persistent western slopes where heavy falls may be quite frequent. A chance of some breaks east through these fleeting.
Cloud on the hills?	Covering high tops, lowest bases south/west	Fairly extensive
	The high west tops likely in fog most or all day. During rain, bases will lower, most significantly on southern aspects, locally down to 500m. Better chance of breaks north and east.	Shrouding the high tops with variable banks regularly drifting down to 700m, lower west where risk reaching lower slopes during heavier moments of rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine; dull on the high tops with haze near the south coast. Better visibility low slopes/north.	Little or no cloud, often dull west. Visibility variable, often poor.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5 or 6C, variable. Little change with added height. Feeling like -5 to -8C in direct wind.	5C. Feeling like -5C in strongest early wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 December, 2025

A brief spell of drier-brighter weather on Tuesday, but otherwise staying unsettled into next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Bands of rain will regularly pass eastward across most areas, showery in the west between wetter spells with hail at times. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Mild for the time of year, temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Detail becomes very uncertain after next weekend though temperatures likely to drop.

Forecast issued at 16:13 on Friday, 12 December, 2025

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